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WITH DISEASE INHIBITORS AND METHODS

FOR USE

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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U.S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- [X] Response.
- [X] Petition for Extension of Time (2-month) (original + 1 copy).
- [X] Information disclosure statement with form 1449 and three references.
- [X] Check for \$385 for a extension fee and the IDS.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (Client Ref. ARTM 1008-5). This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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